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SPEECH OF

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to address the ongoing debate over the Confederate battle flag and its placement on state and federal government property. As a daughter of Selma, Alabama, I have a great respect and understanding of the deep heritage and tradition that every Southerner holds close to their heart. But as an American, I find it very troubling that some continue to defend a symbol of obvious and demonstrated hatred. From its creation, the flag was a denotation of the intention to segregate and enslave African Americans.

While some people genuinely revere the Confederate Battle Flag because of its connection to their ancestors, there can be little doubt that it is cherished by groups and individuals expressing racial hatred. As my colleague and friend JOHN LEWIS declared in this Chamber last week, the state troopers wore the flag on their helmets as they beat him and nearly took his life at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965. It is clear that the flag is overwhelmingly associated with some of the darkest sins of our nation's past. The original intention of the flag saw resurgence in the 1950s as an expression of resistance to the Civil Rights Movement and desegregation. In 1963, Governor George Wallace raised the Confederate Battle Flag over the Alabama State Capitol as a protest to then U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy's visit to Alabama to urge desegregation. This very reaction to the rise of civil rights for African-Americans proves its symbolism as one of racial segregation and not one of heritage.

But let there be no mistake. The removal of this divisive symbol does not cure our society of all discrimination. Hatred stubbornly lingers on even after these flags are lowered. Removing flags from federally owned property or from a state's capitol grounds is a strong step forward, but it is not a final solution to our society's deeply entrenched structural oppression. Much more needs to be done to combat discrimination in our society and in our public institutions.

The United States has always been a beacon of progress and equality, so it stuns me that we continue to be shackled to these discriminatory symbols. The destiny of America is always in the future, not the past. We can learn from the past, both good and ill, but it is to the future that we must always direct our focus and our ambitions. We must forge a path forward, away from the symbols of the darkest times in our nation's history. Racism will end when we confront the hate behind the heritage with unity and reconciliation.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM LAWSON  
LITTLE III

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2015*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of William Lawson Little III, an important community leader whose integrity, compassion, and business acumen enriched the lives of his family, friends and the entire Monterey Peninsula. Lawson passed away on June 29, 2015. As his family and friends gather to honor and remember his wonderful life, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting one of the Monterey Peninsula's most well-respected figures.

Lawson was born in 1957 to William Lawson Little Jr. and Dorothy Hurd. He grew up along the golf links of Pebble Beach, and followed in the footsteps of his father, a Hall of Fame Golfer, as a true lover of the game of golf. He attended Carmel High School, Monterey Peninsula College, and San Jose State University. After college he played in professional golf tournaments around the world and spent a time as a tennis pro in Palm Desert. In 2009, Lawson was inducted into the California Golf Writers Hall of Fame and in 2010 he was inducted into the Monterey Peninsula College Hall of Fame.

In 1974, Lawson left professional sports and began a remarkable career at Quail Lodge Golf and Country Club, where he made a lasting mark beyond the golf course and in our community. He was a key leader in the development of Quail Meadows and would rise to become Vice President and President of Quail Lodge. While at Quail Lodge, Lawson brought a number of notable events to the Monterey Peninsula, including The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering, The Quail Rally, and the Eagle Cup. All of these events brought joy to thousands of people and raised much needed funding for a variety of local charities.

Mindful of the importance of serving one's community, Lawson made time to serve a number of local civic organizations, including the Jim Tunney Youth Foundation Board, G16 Coalition, Coalition for Monterey Peninsula Business, Monterey County Sheriffs Advisory Board, Carmel River Watershed Conservancy, Monterey County Emergency Assistance Team, as well as many others.

In 1977, Lawson married the love of his life, Rose and they would raise their two children, Chris and Sarah Rose in Carmel Valley. Despite his professional success and civic engagement, more than anything, Lawson will be remembered for being a role model, mentor, friend, and family man. He was a man who always put others above himself. He offered countless people counsel in their time of need and steady guidance to those that needed it. He was a man of undeniable strength and

quiet wisdom. He was incredibly fun, lived in the moment, and loved playing games. He cherished classic cars, the San Francisco Giants, and making lasting memories with his family. Put simply, Lawson improved the lives of all of those around him.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in honoring Lawson's lifetime of achievement and in extending our heartfelt condolences to his friends, and family members, including his wife Rose, son Chris, daughter Sarah Rose and sisters Linda, Sandy, and Sonya. I ask all my colleagues to pause and join me in paying respect to an extraordinary man, William Lawson Little III.

## RECOGNIZING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF SAND CREEK, WISCONSIN

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2015*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, this weekend we recognize the sesquicentennial celebration of Sand Creek, Wisconsin. On this historic occasion, it is only fitting that we reflect on and celebrate the rich history of this town, whose agricultural heritage is a reflection of western and central Wisconsin values.

Since the town's founding in 1865, the agricultural fertility of the land and the beautiful Red Cedar River have driven the development of the community. Norwegian settlers who decided to homestead in the area were the first to recognize the potential of the land in the Sand Creek region. Despite the wild land that these settlers first encountered, they were able to see through the wilderness and envision the future success that the land and water in the area could provide.

With a population of about 600 residents today, the Township of Sand Creek should be proud of its countless close-knit community connections. Those connections—and the people of Sand Creek who form them—are what make this community so special and what will lead the community to continued success.

Throughout this weekend's celebration, Sand Creek residents will come together for a full slate of exciting activities, all put on by their fellow community members. While they enjoy the weekend activities that commemorate Sand Creek's 150 years, we remember the past, reflect on the present, and look to the future.

Congratulations on 150 proud and prosperous years. Best wishes and many more to come.

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